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COUNTY OPTION CONFERENCE

Platform Will Be Adopted and Candidates Will Be Selected Today.

SHALLENBERGER WILL BE ABSENT

Governor Has Gone to Texas to Attend Meeting of Short-horn Breeders—Will Endorse Bryan's Position.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, March 13.—(Special.)—At the meeting of the county option advocates for tomorrow a platform will be adopted and candidates for office will be instructed that they must not receive the promise of the support of those composing the meeting. Both republican and democratic speakers have been secured, including Senator Cain of Richardson county, E. P. Brown of Lancaster, Senator J. A. Donohoe of O'Neill and Senator J. L. Miller of Lancaster. Tomorrow afternoon ex-Governor Hanly, who is enroute to Texas, will arrive and speak in the afternoon and tomorrow night.

W. E. Andrews, auditor of the United States treasury, has written that he cannot be here. He had been placed on the program before it was known whether he would accept an invitation.

Another one who will not be here is Governor Shallenberg. There has been some talk that candidates may be asked where they stand, so the delegates could carry the messages home, but the governor has gone to Texas to attend a meeting of members of the Board of Short-horn Breeders, and unless he is communicated with by wires it is probable no statement will be read at the meeting from his excellency. It was insisted at the office of the governor there was no significance in the fact that he had the engagement in Texas at this particular time.

Several would-be candidates for governor who are anxious to secure the Bryan endorsement are to be on hand and take a prominent part in the proceedings if they get a chance to break in. It is also reported that Mr. Bryan will also receive endorsement at the hands of the convention for declaring for county option, thus wiping out the feeling that has existed because of his refusal to get busy when the bill was before the democratic legislature last winter.

Briefs will make statement.

"When I file my name formally as a candidate for the republican nomination for congress in the Third district," said State Treasurer L. G. Brian, "I shall issue a statement to the public telling where I stand on all questions of importance that are now being discussed."

This remark from the treasurer brought about by reason of the publication in the Albion News that while the editor endorsed the record made by Mr. Brian as state treasurer, and endorsed his record as a citizen and as a county officer, and expressed the opinion that he would make a good congressman, he objected to his platform and to the fact that his candidacy prevented any other favorite son from Boone county getting into the running for office. In discussing this latter part of the objections, Mr. Brian said:

"In saying that I would be a candidate for congress I have not browbeaten anyone in Boone county, and I have not browbeaten I held off for several months before deciding what to do, because it had been told to me there might be a candidate out there for congress. I finally heard from the man in question, and he said he would not be a candidate, so I issued my announcement."

So far the only statement made by Mr. Brian regarding a platform was that published in The Bee, wherein he said he expected to run as a "republican," and that matters which come before congress, if elected, he would study carefully and do what he thought best in the premises. His friends are of the opinion that running as a republican has given offense to those who have lent aid and encouragement to the democratic cause.

New Lindell Nearly Ready.

Tuesday night at 8 o'clock the old Lindell hotel of Lincoln passed into history and the new Lindell was born. The opening of the reconstructed hotel has been looked forward to with unusual interest by the people here and the affairs will be of considerable importance to the city.

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